

2 March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 9 return to school

Further to our communication last week, I am writing to provide additional detail on your child's return to school.

During the week commencing 8 March, we will be undertaking mass testing of students on site. The intention of this testing is to identify asymptomatic cases within the community and break the chains of transmission before any spread. Due to the high numbers of children we need to test, the numbers of staff required to run the testing and the length of time it will take to complete the tests, we are asking year groups to attend only on certain days of the week.

Year 9 will return to school on Thursday 11 March. The school day will begin at 12.00. School coaches will be running on normal routes at this later time to collect students - please see the table below for bus times. If you bring your child to school by car, or if they walk or cycle to school, we would appreciate your support in ensuring a prompt start to the day. Students should come to school in full school uniform.

When students arrive at school, they must come directly to the top court where they will be met by their tutor. It is important that they avoid contact with other students as far as possible at this time. They will be placed into tutor group 'bubbles' which will remain together throughout the afternoon until we have received all test results back. Students will follow a pastoral programme for the afternoon.

There will be a break in the afternoon for children to get some fresh air. Children should avoid eating or drinking in school before they are tested. Therefore, **unfortunately we are not able to offer provision from the school canteen on this day**. Please remind them to eat before leaving home.

The school day will end at 3.20pm as normal and we expect coaches to depart at 3.30pm.

Year 9 will then study independently at home on the 12 March.

On 15 March we will have carried out mass testing across the student body and will be welcoming all students back onto site in their year group bubbles. Timetabled lessons will be taking place as normal for all year groups from Monday 15 March.

We have implemented a range of measures in school to keep us all safe and to limit the spread of the virus. These will remain in place and it is vital that they are followed by all members of the community. Face masks must be worn on the buses and not removed until

disembarkment. Government guidance has now been updated to advise that face coverings should also be worn in classrooms and other indoor areas, please ensure your child has a sufficient number of masks for the day. Children will be reminded of our one-way systems and the importance of following these and remaining in their bubbles. We would appreciate you reinforcing these important messages at home.

Bus schedule for Thursday 11 March (Year 9)

SK-1

Stop Name	Time
Roman Way	11:30
Woodleaze	11:32
Shirehampton Green	11:37
Barracks Lane	11:40
Farr Street	11:43
McLaren Road	11:45
SCHOOL	12:00

SK-2

Stop Name	Time
Henleaze Gardens /Westbury road	11:25
Canford Cemetery	11:27
Coombe Lane	11:32
Sunny Hill	11:34
Chapel Lane	11:40
Long Cross Lay-by	11:43
Badenham Grove	11:45
SCHOOL	12:00

SK-3

Stop Name	Time
Muller Road Top	11:20
Monks Park Ave	11:22
Charfield Road	11:26
Charlton Road Jct	11:29
Marlwood Drive	11:30
Crow Lane Lay-by	11:36
Marissal Road (Co-Op)	11:40
SCHOOL	12:00

SK-4

Stop Name	Time
Brislington Lidl	11:25
Greenmore Road	11:30
Highgrove Street	11:32
Park Avenue	11:35
North Road	11:50
SCHOOL	12:00

SK-5

Stop Name	Time
Filwood Grn Business Pk	11:16
Wills Way	11:17
Novers Lane	11:24
Broadbury Road	11:26
Broad Walk Square	11:29
Stockwood Crescent	11:30
Raymend Road Opposite Victoria park school	11:32
The Malago	11:35
West Street	11:38
Parson Street Station	11:40
Smyth Road	11:45
SCHOOL	12:00

Yours sincerely

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